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In re Application of)

M. Boston et al.)

Group Art Unit: 1652

Serial No.: CPA of 09/470,168)

Examiner: E. Slobodyansky, Ph.D.

Filed: December 22, 1999)

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ASCORBIC)
ACID INTERMEDIATES)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2002, please enter the instant amendment in the above-identified application. This response is considered timely and is being filed within six months from the mailing date of the Office Action. A petition for a three-month extension of time until November 1, 2002 is filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following clean copy of the amended claims. A marked-up version of said claims is submitted on a separate sheet. Additionally, Applicants have attached a copy of the claim status for the Examiner's convenience.

D' 69. (Once amended) The process of Claim 68 wherein said recombinant host cells comprise members of Enterobacteriaceae.